

## **CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR**

**PURPOSE:** Conduct inspections, review permits, and provide technical assistance for commercial, industrial, and residential construction and building projects.

### **FUNCTIONAL AREAS:**

1. Inspect building construction, installation, alteration, and repair in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings and facilities for compliance with building codes and ordinances governing construction work.
  - \* A. Inspect building footings and foundations for proper size, placement, and construction, and review the placement of structures for compliance with codes, ordinances, and zoning and planning requirements.
  - \* B. Inspect the quality of materials for wood framing, lathing, plastering, tiling, masonry, and other construction work.
  - \* C. Review diagrams, prepared plans, and specifications to ensure that they meet established codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements.
  - \* D. Conduct maintenance inspections of existing industrial, commercial, and residential establishments or structures.
  - \* E. Determine conformance problems, issue notices regarding correction of defective work, advise on methods of correction, and perform re-inspection.
  - \* F. Issue citations or orders to stop work that is in violation of the proper codes.
  - \* G. Ensure that all work is performed in a safe manner using approved methods.
  - \* H. Approve certification of final inspection when required.
  - \* I. Consult with Building Official and State Building Codes and Standards Division when necessary.
  - \* J. Operate City vehicle to, from, and around inspection sites.
2. Do related work as required.
  - \* A. Maintain computerized records of inspections made and actions taken.
  - \* B. Write and prepare forms and reports as required.
  - \* C. Review permit applications and estimate building costs for accurate fee estimates.
  - \* D. Attend training sessions and review technical and professional literature to upgrade knowledge necessary for effective job performance and to keep abreast of new developments and requirements.
  - \* E. Serve as a technical expert, conduct presentations, and provide information to other City divisions, contractors, engineers, architects and the public regarding codes, ordinances, and proper methods governing construction work.
  - \* F. Attend and participate in division meetings, and serve as a member of the Building Inspection team on related projects.
  - \* G. Perform inspections, review permits, and provide technical assistance in other construction areas as needed.
  - \* H. Perform other related duties as assigned.

## **JOB REQUIREMENTS**

1. Education and Experience:

- A. Successful completion of a certified apprentice program in Carpentry or Masonry plus three (3) years experience as a journey carpenter or mason. This experience must include three (3) years in residential construction and three (3) years in commercial construction; or equivalent training and experience.

2. License Requirement:

- † A. Possession of a valid Minnesota drivers license or privilege by the date of appointment and thereafter.

3. Knowledge:

- † A. Extensive knowledge of Minnesota Building Code and other related codes, ordinances, laws, regulations, and manuals governing construction work.
- † B. Extensive knowledge of safe and proper methods of building construction, installation, and repair.
- C. Knowledge of City of Duluth zoning ordinances and regulations.
- † D. Knowledge of proper inspection methods and procedures.
- E. Knowledge of legal procedures involved in the enforcement of building codes and ordinances.
- † F. Knowledge of math for the purpose of measuring and computing construction costs.
- † G. Knowledge of traffic rules and regulations.
- † H. Knowledge of precautionary, safety, and fire prevention methods involved in construction work.
- I. Knowledge of code requirements and inspection methods in other trade areas.

4. Skill:

- † A. Skill in inspecting structures and construction materials for adherence to regulations, requirements, ordinances, and procedures.
- † B. Skill in reading and interpreting construction plans, specifications, blueprints, diagrams, and technical codes and ordinances.
- † C. Skill in estimating construction costs, including materials and labor, and completion schedules.

5. Ability:

- † A. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with contractors, workers, supervisors, peers, and the general public.
- † B. Ability to read and write reports regarding inspections and permits.
- † C. Ability to maintain accurate and complete records.
- † D. Ability to effectively communicate with individuals and groups, both verbally and in writing.
- † E. Ability to transport oneself to, from, and around various work sites.
- † F. Ability to participate in training to update construction knowledge and expertise.
- † G. Ability to interpret safety rules and apply them to various hazardous situations.
- H. Ability to use a computer to maintain inspection records and write reports.
- † I. Ability to frequently walk and climb and occasionally stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, and reach overhead in order to conduct inspections inside and outside of buildings.
- † J. Ability to occasionally lift and carry up to 40 pounds such as ladders for conducting overhead inspections.
- † K. Ability to work outside in inclement weather.
- † L. Ability to attend work on a regular basis.

\* Essential job functions.

† Job requirements necessary on the first day of employment.

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